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Please note that news sites update their hyperlinks, so it is advised that articles of interest be read soon as they might not be accessible later.

The Detroit News: Hathaway lawyer pleads case to keep her out of prison; feds want her to serve 12-18 months

"Former Michigan Supreme Court Justice Diane Hathaway shouldn't spend a day in federal prison, her lawyer said Monday, despite admitting she orchestrated an elaborate two-year scheme to defraud her bank of \$600,000 owed on a Grosse Pointe Park home."

[Full story](#)

Also see:

The MiLW Blog: Hathaway's lawyer to plead for no prison; feds want 12-18 months

[Full story](#)

WXYZ-TV(7)/Detroit: Former Supreme Court Justice Diane Hathaway who pleaded guilty to bank fraud asks for no prison time

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Detroit Free Press: Michigan judges in line for 3% pay increase

"Michigan judges are in line for a 3% pay increase under a recommendation made today by the State Officers Compensation Commission.... The 3% pay hike for judges would take effect Jan. 1, 2015, if the recommendation is approved by majority votes in both chambers of the Legislature."

[Full story](#)

Also see:

Lansing State Journal: Raises for Michigan judges recommended by state panel

[Full story](#)

SBM Blog: Breaking: SOCC Recommends 3% Judicial Pay Increase, No Other Changes

[Full story](#)

WDIV: Michigan judges could see 3 percent raise

[Full story](#)

WJBK-TV(2)/Detroit: Commission suggests 3 pct raise for Mich. judges

[Full story](#)

Detroit Free Press: Judge McCree's wife testifies about affair, text messages with mistress

"The wife of Wayne County Circuit Judge Wade McCree was the first person to take the stand this morning in a hearing prompted by a 20-page complaint filed by the Michigan Judicial Tenure Commission accusing the judge of misconduct in office."

[Full story](#)

Also see:

The Detroit News: Wayne Co. judge's wife: Plan hatched to get mistress to end pregnancy

[Full story](#)

Detroit Legal News: Suspended judge faces tenure commission hearing in Ann Arbor (second article)

[Full story](#)

WJBK-TV(2)/Detroit: Detroit judge testifies about courthouse affair

[Full story](#)

WDIV-TV(4)/Detroit: More testimony Tuesday for misconduct hearing of Wayne County Judge Wade McCree

[Full story](#)

WXYZ-TV(7)/Detroit: LIVE: Day 2 of Judicial Tenure Commission hearing vs Wayne County Circuit Court Judge Wade McCree

[Full story](#)

Detroit Free Press: Obituary: WEBSTER, JUDGE ROBERT B.

"WEBSTER JUDGE ROBERT B., passed away peacefully in Royal Oak, Michigan at age 81.... He clerked for U.S. District Court Judge Ralph Freeman. Thereafter, he entered the private practice of law and in 1973, Governor William G. Milliken appointed him as an Oakland County Circuit Court Judge, where he served a term as Chief Judge."

[Full story](#)

Also see:

The Detroit News: Obituary: WEBSTER, JUDGE ROBERT B.

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The Daily Globe/Ironwood: Kimball man remains jailed on courthouse bomb threat

"Bond was continued at \$10,000 cash Monday in Iron County Court for a Kimball, Wisconsin resident who's alleged to have threatened to blow up the [Wisconsin] courthouse. Robert (Barrel Bob) Gollubske, 75, appeared for his continued initial appearance with attorney Peter Bear, who asked that a signature bond be set."

[Full story](#)

Also see:

The MiLW Blog: Judge: Threat to blow up courthouse has caused 'public furor'

[Full story](#)

Detroit Legal News: Cross-Country Drug Court Tour to visit 36th District Drug Treatment Court

"The National Association of Drug Court Professionals' All Rise America! On the Road for Recovery will make a stop in Detroit to participate in a special National Drug Court Month Rally on Wednesday, May 22. The 36th District Drug Treatment Court is one of only 26 stops All Rise America! will make along the 3,500 mile route from California to New York City."

[Full story](#)

Also see:

Oakland County Legal News: National program to visit local drug courts

[Full story](#)

Detroit Legal News: Snyder appoints Kathy Hoogstra to 14th Circuit Court (third article)

"Muskegon County Probate Court Administrator and Register Kathy Hoogstra has been appointed as the 14th Circuit Court judge by Gov. Rick Snyder. She replaces the spot vacated by Judge John C. Ruck."

[Full story](#)

Detroit Legal News: Lawmakers Visit Courtrooms

"Michigan lawmakers representing Wayne County districts attended the first annual '3rd Circuit Court Legislative Day' on Friday, May 10, and had an opportunity to view firsthand the operations of the court.... They also had an opportunity to meet with judges and staff to discuss issues affecting legislative decisions."

[Full story](#)

Detroit Legal News: Holiday Hours

"The Third Circuit Court Civil, Criminal and Family Divisions will be closed on Monday, May 27, in observance of Memorial Day.... Effective June 1, the Wayne County Probate Court's hours of operation will be 8 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. and 1:30 p.m. - 4:30 p.m. Monday – Friday."

[Full story](#)

Macomb County Legal News: Foundation receives grant for drug court program

"... Recently, The RESTORE Foundation, which provides funding support for the drug court programs in Oakland County, became one of the first beneficiaries of the legal community's generosity, receiving a \$20,000 grant from the OCBF. Retired Circuit Court Judge Edward Sosnick, who now serves as director of The RESTORE Foundation, was understandably delighted by the grand award."

[Full story](#)

Macomb County Legal News: Call to Justice Awards presented

"Elder Law of Michigan recently conducted its 2013 Call to Justice Awards Ceremony at Glen Oaks Country Club in Farmington Hills. This year's honorees included ... Wayne County Probate Court Chief Judge Milton Mack; [among others.]"

[Full story](#)

The Macomb Daily: Wildlife property owner beats feds in state court over fence

"... The state Court of Appeals recently sided with the Red Run Wildlife Sanctuary, owned by Fred Kaluza, in a legal dispute over the fence Kaluza erected to ward off trespassers who hunted, snowmobiled and drove all-terrain vehicles on the natural habitat."

[Full story](#)

The Macomb Daily: Plea talks under way for attorney charged with embezzling from trust fund

"A lawyer accused of pilfering nearly \$400,000 from a trust fund set up for two young men may be close to a plea agreement. Robert C. Buschmohle of St. Clair Shores faces one count of embezzlement over \$100,000, a felony punishable by up to 20 years in prison."

[Full story](#)

The MiLW Blog: Legislation shuffles Clinton County judgeships

"Clinton County keeps its district court judgeship by sacrificing one of two circuit court seats under legislation signed into law by Gov. Rick Snyder. Senate Bill 43, sponsored by state Sen. Rick Jones, amends a 2011 law that eliminated several judgeships statewide."

[Full story](#)

Oakland County Legal News: Club off the hook after customer falls, hits bar

"A woman hoping to get a drink near closing time instead tripped and whacked her head on the bar at a Detroit-area club. Is the owner liable? The Michigan appeals court says no. Ekaterina Novokshonova could see there was quite a party that night at Sangria in Royal Oak."

[Full story](#)

Oakland County Legal News: 'Probate Court: Appointed Attorney Training' takes place June 11 at OCBA

"The Oakland County Bar Association (OCBA) will host 'Probate Court: Appointed Attorney Training' on Tuesday, June 11, from 1 to 5 p.m. at the Oakland County Bar Association in Bloomfield Hills. This training will provide the information needed to fulfill the requirements for attorney appointments through the Oakland County Probate Court."

[Full story](#)

Oakland County Legal News: Status of compensation for indigent counsel discussed

"The Polish American Legal Society (PALS) conducted a general meeting on Wednesday, May 8, at PLAV Post 16 in Dearborn Heights. Welcoming guest speaker Frank Eaman of Frank D. Eaman PLLC were ... Wayne County 20th District Court Chief Judge Mark Plawecki; ... retired Judge Richard Wygonik; [among others.]"

[Full story](#)

SBM Blog: U.S. Supreme Court Sides With Michigan Supreme Court in Another Habeas Case

"The issue in *Metrish v. Lancaster* was whether a diminished capacity defense ever existed in Michigan, and if so why and for how long; an underlying issue was who makes criminal law.... [Monday], the U.S. Supreme Court in a 9-0 decision by Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg released just 27 days after oral argument, agreed with the Michigan Supreme Court."

[Full story](#)

Traverse City Record-Eagle: Project aims to keep kids out of foster care

"The Michigan Department of Human Services plans a pilot project in three counties designed to keep children out of foster care and cut costs. The Detroit News reports that the nonprofit Lutheran Social Services will operate two of the projects in Macomb and Kalamazoo counties.... Catholic Charities of West Michigan will administer the pilot project in Muskegon County."

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